



Dealer News

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FROM THE COMMANDER...

Dealer Family and Friends:

The Dealers still find themselves on the banks of the Euphrates in Forward Operating Base (FOB) Iskandaryiah as the summer gets under way. As your Soldier has surely told you, the heat is tremendous and it is in the low 100's by early morning and up in the high teens or low 120s by mid afternoon. But the Dealers deal with it and drive on.

June flew by us this past month due mainly to our incredible pace of operations. As you all know, the battalion was in the thick of the 4th Infantry Division's efforts to find the 2 soldiers that were abducted by insurgents on the 16th of June. The battalion reacted quickly and immediately began deploying units out to help find our missing comrades.

We operated as a battalion in the field for four days at distances of nearly 60 kilometers from the FOB. Your Dealer covered him or herself in glory during those four days in Abu Shemsi, Jurf as Sakhr, Petra and Owesat. There was hard fighting and many a Combat Infantryman's Badge and Combat Action Badge were earned and we are putting

a group of deserving men in for valorous awards.

Well, the FOB. I am sorry to report that my prediction of containerized housing by this update has fallen short. Kellogg, Brown and Root are working diligently to get the "cans" on the ground. We anticipate that we will begin moving Soldiers into these quarters within the next two weeks. We hope to have the bulk of the movement complete by the next update, but no promises. I won't make that mistake again.

The R&R program is in its last months and all of our Soldiers who deployed by the end of January will have had the opportunity to participate in the R&R program. Soldiers are returning refreshed and ready to get back to work.

The mission here does not come with out sacrifice and sometimes loss and June was unmarred by casualties suffered in battle. We had a number of soldiers wounded, SGT Sarracino, of D Company, was evacuated from theater and is now at Walter Reed recovering from a head wound and all reports have him doing well although he has lost sight in one eye. SPC Gutierrez, A Company, had his right foot amputated after his Bradley was hit by an IED. He is an inspiration to all of us with his

high spirits and concern for the two 1-502d Soldiers that he was on mission to find when he was wounded. He is now also at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC). SPC Kingham, A Company, was evac'd with a broken leg and is in Germany at the time of this writing. And we cannot forget our Medic Kitner who is still at Walter Reed recovering from his wounded suffered in March.

The Battalion lost two soldiers this month. Corporal Jeremy Jones, D Company, cross attached to A Company, was killed in the early morning hours of 27 June in Jurf as Sakhr by an explosion and Corporal Christopher Rose of A Company was killed in Jurf on the 29th. We held a Memorial Service for these two incredible young men on the 2nd of July as we bid them a final farewell.

The area of operations is challenging and your Dealer is faced each day with difficult and sometimes dangerous tasks to complete. They do it with aplomb. They do it with cheerfulness and a sense of pride that makes one's heart swell. Where do we get such Soldiers? We truly have an opportunity to serve with the best America has to offer. Thanks for supporting them and for sending them to us.

LTC Pat Donahoe
Dealer 6

Dealers...Deeds...Mesopotamia
...the 67th!!

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HELLCAT NEWS

Greetings from FOB Iskandaryiah, once again June has been a very busy month with temperatures reaching well into the 120 degree range. As we surpass our seventh month in country we continue to pursue the enemy through multiple means yet still try to rebuild and assist the Iraqi Security Forces. The soldiers are continuing to perform well even with the long hot days and the continued power outages.

This past month the Battalion participated in one of the most important missions any unit can execute; they were called upon to help find two missing comrades from our brother unit in the 2/101st. Out of all my years in service, I have had fewer prouder moments, then when I witnessed the performance of the hellcat soldiers while desperately trying to find their fellow comrades. I saw young boys perform like veterans and veterans perform physically like young soldiers. I have never seen a unit put so much heart into a mission and your hellcat soldier was at the tip of the spear.

The medics continue to train our soldiers and are on their fourteenth combat lifesaver class, the skills they teach our young soldiers can not be measured on the modern day battlefield and have saved countless lives. This was evident by the Army Commendation Medal with Valor awarded to SPC John Schmidt for his actions while responding to fellow comrades in trouble. He is truly a hero in

every sense and represents everything that makes Americans soldiers great.

The mortars have also been very busy with patrolling up north to acquire the needed supplies to complete the infrastructure of our FOB. They have logged several miles in and around Baghdad and have mastered the difficult and sometimes dangerous roads of that area. The Scouts and Snipers have saturated the Battalion's sector and have hindered and disrupted enemy activity. Their performance has been worthy of the gold spurs they have earned while deployed.

We would like to congratulate the following soldiers who have made the difficult leap from the enlisted ranks to joining the coveted NCO corps; SGT Joshua Braden, SGT Gabriel Brown, SGT Guelot Daccuiel, SGT Nicholas Damico, SGT Adam Koepke, SGT Joshua Reif, and SGT Andrew West. They now have joined a lustrous group who lead their soldiers from the front. We have also had a couple of officer promotion; we would like to congratulate 1LT Santos and 1LT Gras on their promotions and CPT Vanzant, and CPT Strain. These soldiers have all worked very hard and are worthy of the new rank they wear on their uniforms.

In conclusion I would like to thank you for your support, without our loved ones behind us we could not continue to do our country's bidding. I would also like to thank Toby Keith who took the time to play a couple of cords, all the way out here, on our small post on the western Iraqi

front. He is a true American.
Until next month
HELLCATS!

CPT Robert Perry
Hellcat 6



ARCHANGEL NEWS

Dear Families of the Alpha
Company Assassins,

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is CPT Bradley Maroyka, the new Alpha Company Commander. It is a great honor to take over such a charismatic and well trained group of soldiers such as Alpha Company. As you know CPT Kron and I changed command on 20 June. CPT Kron was an outstanding

commander who preformed his duties for this company with zeal, he will be missed. I look forward to continuing the great work CPT Kron and the rest of the Alpha Company soldiers have accomplished. I am absolutely amazed by your soldiers. They are tough, selfless, determined and have an unbelievable passion for what they do. It was extremely inspiring to see them in action. I have a lot to live up to.

My wife's name is Ann Marie and we have three children, Brianna 4, Matthew 2, and Andrew 2 months. We live in Copperas Cove. My wife is a Captain in the Army Nurse Corps and works at Darnall Army Medical Center in the Intensive Care Unit on Fort Hood. Due to her very busy schedule of working full time and caring for our three children, she will be unable to be the FRG leader, but is looking forward to helping out when she can. 1SG Easley's wife Loretta has volunteered to take over duties as the FRG leader. It is greatly appreciated and I express my deepest gratitude to Loretta for taking on the FRG duties.

The situation in our area of operation continues to improve on a weekly basis. The Jurf as Sakhr Iraqi Police station is within a month of being complete. This is critical in the security of our area of operation which inevitably will stabilize the region so American Forces can start handing over responsibility to the Iraqi Security Forces. My intent is to continue to push for Iraqi Security Forces to become more self-reliant. We are also looking to continue improving

the schools and water treatment in the area. This will greatly improve our relationship with the locals further stabilizing the region.

I will continue to keep you updated with our progress during these next few months of deployment. There is still a lot of work to be done so I encourage all of you to continue supporting your soldiers, as I know you will. Now is the time that they need you more than ever. We are more than half way through this deployment and we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent. Just keep your spirits up while we finish up this deployment. We know that you all are going through your own Iraq back home taking care of the children on your own (not an easy task), working, picking the kids up from school, paying the bill, fixing things around the house that your husband should be fixing, and the list can go on and on. We understand that this deployment is just as hard on you as it is on us and I will encourage your soldiers to support you as well. Without our loved ones back home rooting for us it would be a lot harder to find the strength to continue. You are all very important to this company and I will do my best to keep you informed.

Thank you for your time and I am looking forward to commanding your soldiers and bringing them home safely to you.

CPT Bradley Maroyka
Archangel 6

BUSHMASTER NEWS

Dear Friends and Family of the Bushmasters,

June has passed quickly and we are happy that summer has finally arrived. 115 degree weather in the Spring just doesn't seem right.☺ It's been a good month and we continue to work hard in our service to the nation. As always we want to thank all of you for your dedication and support to us. We continue to receive endless messages of "thanks" and packages (sometimes from total strangers) for our service. It goes without saying that all of those small gestures mean the world to me and to your Soldiers here in Bravo Company.

Our focus for operations has started to shift towards improving the proficiency of the Iraqi Army. We have been partnered with 3rd Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, 8th Iraqi Division (2/4/8 Iraqi Army) for a few months now, but we will take a greater role in training them and preparing them to conduct independent operations without US oversight. Earlier this month we conducted Operation Bayonet Spirit which was an intermediate training program conducted for the 3rd Company, 2/4/8 Iraqi Army (IA). 3rd and HQ's platoon spent 5 days training the IA Soldiers and leaders on troop leading procedures, basic orders production, land navigation and weapons proficiency. We integrated real missions into their training plan. The 3rd company conducted 3 separate

missions with US Soldiers evaluating their performance. It was an extremely rewarding experience to watch them improve their operations just over the course of 5 days. We look forward to our continued partnership with the 3rd Company, 2/4/8 IA and future training opportunities. All of us understand that they are the future of Iraq and look forward to getting them to a level of proficiency where they can conduct independent operations.

Bravo Company has made good headway in our area of operations. We have had positive interaction in recent weeks with local leadership and have opened dialogue between multiple Sheiks (Tribal Leaders) and Muktars (Mayors). The culture here is largely family/tribal based, so getting to know the Sheiks is always beneficial. Dependant on the Sheik, they can have significant influence over the local populace and can change attitude (positive and negative) toward the coalition and Iraqi Security Forces.

We have also started several humanitarian projects in our area. We are almost 2/3 complete with the renovation of a local elementary school. The Al Nibyas School received a new generator, air conditioning, a new perimeter wall, and the entire building was repainted. We are looking forward to conducting a ribbon cutting event in the next few weeks and reopening the school for the next school year. In addition to the Al Nibyas school, we are just a few weeks away from starting work on another elementary school in

our area. The scope of work is essentially the same and will provide the local children with a decent facility from which to learn. In addition to the schools, we are also looking at conducting several larger projects. These are still dependent on budget approval, but we are looking to pave several roads and possibly replace several bridges in our area. All of these will benefit both the locals and us and will help produce jobs for local men in the area.

Recently (as most of you probably know) two Soldiers were abducted here in Iraq. That occurred just to the north of our area. Unfortunately we know the tragic end to that story. What you might not know is the role your loved ones played in looking for them. 2nd PLT was the battalion quick reaction force the evening the Soldiers were abducted and immediately was sent north to look for them. LT Jackson, his platoon and 1SG Bandy spent a long night searching houses and clearing suspected areas. The next few days after that, the majority of the battalion was committed to finding those men. Bravo Company played an integral role in the search and dedicated the majority of the Battalion's combat power during the final mission to clear the town of Owesat. I cannot personally express to you the level of pride and respect that I had watching our Soldiers conduct house to house clearing operations in 116 degree heat, wearing full body armor and carrying between 30-60 lbs of equipment. Your men pushed their bodies to the absolute

limits looking for two Americans that they had never met. All they knew is that those two young men were missing, and that if they were in their shoes they wanted to know that other Soldiers were doing all they could to find them. At one point in our mission, we had to pause because we absolutely could not go any further without risking serious injury to our own Soldiers. I stood on the porch of a local Iraqi home, an Iraqi family huddled together watching us, as SGT Tilton and SSG Holcomb gave IVs to Soldiers who were completely dehydrated. Your men gave 110% and cleared every structure on our objectives to find those men. Those two men were found but not by our battalion. They were found across the Euphrates from where we were operating. Again, this event ended tragically, but I personally wanted to let you know what your Soldiers did to contribute to the search. You should be extremely proud of each of them.

Mid tour leave continues to move forward. There have been increased slots over the past few months because the intent is to have the leave cycle complete by the first week of September. This is done so there are a few months of stabilization prior to redeployment. All Soldiers who have been here since the beginning of the deployment will take leave.

There are still no definite dates on redeployment windows for our unit. I have received several questions concerning dates for

redeployment and the honest answer is I don't know. You should plan on a full 12-14 month rotation. We have not received an order for that phase of our operation, so we don't a timeline for the packing up of equipment, etc. As soon as we get a definitive timeline and are able to disseminate it, I will let you and your Soldiers know.

The month of June has been a big month for some of our Soldiers. I would like to take this time to congratulate the following individuals:

1. Congratulations to SPC Carlson and SPC Allen reenlisting during June. The army is offering a lot of great incentives for reenlistment right now (monetary bonuses, army schools, change of duty station, new jobs, secondary education) so continue to talk with your Soldiers about what is available to him.
2. Congratulations to CPL Dunaway and his fiancée Cagney Crouch for the birth of their son Dillon Lee Dunaway on the 1st of June; Dillon weighed in at a very healthy 9lbs, 6 ounces and was 23 inches long.
3. Congratulations to the following Soldiers with June Birthdays- SSG Velez, SPC Hoang, SPC Quintero, SGT Garcia, CPL Blas, CPL Contreras, SGT Brumbaugh, LT Donahue, SPC Niersbach, and SSG Lunford

4. Congratulations to the following Soldiers with June Anniversaries- SPC Gay, CPL Contreras, PFC Woodward, and SGT McDonie

Thank you for your continued prayers and messages of support. You are such an integral part of our morale that those gestures have a huge impact on the lives of your Soldiers. There is not a man in this company that does not perk up when he hears that mail has arrived. Everyone wants to be that guy who gets a package. So, thank you for your continued support. Your men work long hours under a hot sun and your support is essential to their morale.

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CARNIVORE NEWS

Greetings to the Families and Friends of Team Carnivore:

With yet another month under our belt, I find myself again typing on my computer to let the families and friends know what an outstanding job the members of Team Carnivore have done in the month of June. I may sound like a broken record, but every day I am nothing but amazed by the great deeds these Soldiers accomplish and the spirit with which they accomplish them. Your Soldiers are out on the frontier

of freedom every day giving their all to secure this country and provide a better life to those who live here. June also brought out a new desire for the enemy to see us fail, as evident in the increased attacks we've experienced over the last thirty days. Although his method of employment has been much less lethal, they have occurred much more often than in the past, and yet the members of Team Carnivore remain undaunted in the challenge they face and continue to work even harder to render our AO safe.

A significant reason for the month of June passing so quickly has been our own increased activity. If you didn't hear from your loved one for a week or so, it was due to our operations in support of finding the two missing soldiers you most likely heard about on the television. As soon as the notification went out, elements from Team Carnivore immediately moved forward to assist while others made quick preparations to get into the fight as well. There was no shortage of volunteers and we ran out of seats quickly as we tried to assemble another platoon to move from the FOB and assist efforts on the other side of the Euphrates River. After four days of intense work and preparations, the Soldiers of Team Carnivore amazed me yet again as we cleared too many houses to count in the worst environmental conditions possible. Soldiers threw up, got an IV, and then got right back on their feet to keep up their Herculean efforts. Everyone directly and indirectly involved in that operation are a testament to the

greatness of the American Soldier. You should be as proud and amazed of them as I am.

Stellar Soldiers for the Month of June include the following: SGT Adam Martinez for his performance as the Tank Commander of C21 and C22 during numerous patrols; His strong leadership and knowledge kept 2nd Platoon's tank section operational despite many maintenance problems; CPL Imhoff for his performance as a tank gunner and stellar NCO, ready and willing to do any job and accomplish any mission at hand; SGT Rabadan as a Bradley Gunner and Bradley Commander taking charge and demonstrating exceptional ability for increased responsibility; PFC Ronald Johnson for his performance during the Owesat mission, in which he was one of only two Soldiers that participated in the entire event and never required an IV; PV2 Ramos and PFC McKenzie for their performance as dismounts during the Owesat mission, despite being Tankers by trade; CPL Freeman as a Team Leader conducting raids and finding weapon caches on the Island; PFC Varner as a Tanker extraordinaire demonstrating great abilities in maintaining and operating C14; SGT Wright for his extraordinary bravery in getting back into the fight after the worst of circumstances – He is a true hero and model for all to follow – He is out front once again leading his platoon where his abilities are best put to use.

Promotions for the month of June were conducted

on the 1st and include: SGT Riniker to Staff Sergeant; SPC Powers, SPC Ward, and CPL Nebzydowski to Sergeant; SPC Hoyt lateral promotion to Corporal; and finally PFC Bibb, PFC Dunda, PFC Gilliard, and PFC Rutan to Specialist.

Those scheduled to take leave in the month of July are: SPC Bibb, SSG Kellner, SGT Dunham, SPC Evans, SGT Caldwell, SGT Record, SGT Millarez, SGT Aguilar, 1LT Taylor, SFC Morris, SGT Wallace, SGT Barton, PFC Ybarra, SFC Sangasy, SSG Longacre, PFC Burnet, and SPC Sidney. By the end of July, all of the personnel who came over with the original group will have either taken leave or be on leave. Beginning in August, we will begin placing personnel on leave that came during the deployment based upon their time here. For instance, those who arrived in January will have priority over those that arrived in March and so on.

Unfortunately, we were not able to complete and distribute a video for the month of May. All of May's pictures will be consolidated with those from the month of June, and the XO will ensure it is complete before he goes on leave. Notification of the video being ready to distribute will be made through normal FRG channels. All requests for the previous videos have been mailed at this time, and if you didn't receive one and would like one, please contact my wife.

Again, thank you for all of your continued love and support for the members of

Team Carnivore. Although we are passed the halfway mark, everyone must continue to remain focused on the task at hand so that we can have a joyous reunion back at Fort Hood in the foreseeable future. Please continue to support the FRG as the tendency now is to try and coast through the remainder of the deployment. Now more than ever we must work hand in hand to ensure that all family members and Soldiers are taken care of in every way possible.

CPT Stefan McFarland
Carnivore 6

Notes From the ISG: Greeting to the families, loved ones, and friends of Team Carnivore. We are staying focused as we count the days, enduring the sweltering heat and hydrate ourselves with ample water. We thank you for your continued support which has fueled our efforts here. I would also like to thank everyone for supporting the Light family in their time of sorrow as well as welcoming the birth of Ashlyn Light.

Each month here has been a challenge for us. Team Carnivore was given the opportunity to answer a call to help the Battalion's search for two Soldiers missing in action. Upon being notified, everyone grabbed their gear and prepared their equipment to move out quickly. Team Carnivore had no reservations about committing their blood, sweat, and tears to finding the missing Soldiers. You would be proud of how our Soldiers answer the Nation's call everyday.

I am sure they will tell you about the memorable occasions they have experienced here in Iraq. When it's all said and done, the one word that will remind me of the Soldier of Team Carnivore is "Brave." From CPL Robbie Light's ultimate sacrifice, chasing down the bad guys, or to search relentlessly for missing Soldiers, "Brave" describes what these amazing men do on daily basis.

Please hold your head high when someone asks you what your loved one is doing in Iraq. They are doing a tremendous job that words cannot possibly begin to describe.

ISG Charles King
Carnivore 7



PV2 Krejci and PV2 Ramos receive their Company coins for their tremendous efforts as dismounts during the June mission to Owesat.



SSG Longacre and 1LT Van Cleave work with our IA counterparts to move

explosives found during a joint cache search.



SGT Aguilar receiving an IV but in good spirits during the Owesat mission.



Recovering a stuck HMMWV at the entrance to the Island Patrol Base

DOGG NEWS

Well, June was definitely a challenging month for Company D. We've been very busy continuing our operations in the Jewel of the Euphrates, Musayyib, while also getting out to more out of the way destinations in Iraq. SGT Sarracino is steadily improving and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with him and his family as well as SPC Harrod. Both were wounded in action this month and we're optimistic for both of them. The men of DOG Company continue to meet

every challenge with the professionalism and determination of a veteran team. I couldn't be prouder of a group of people. The guys have done a great job through this halfway point in the deployment and I have no doubt this company will continue to excel. We've gone after the bad guys, assisted in the search for the two missing soldiers, and continued to support the Civil Affairs efforts in our area of operations. The success thus far has been a team effort and every man in the company has been critical to the fight, from our mechanics keeping the vehicles running despite the high heat and ontempo to the tankers and infantrymen that are in zone everyday. You should all be proud of what your soldier is doing here. I'd like to take the opportunity to recognize the guys we've promoted this month – SSG Vincent, CPL Browning, and CPL Hanlin. All three of them have earned it and I'm sure they'll live up to the potential they have. In closing, I ask that if you have an issues or problems that the Rear Detachment Commander, 1LT Schaeffer, cannot resolve, contact me before contacting LTC Donahoe or your local Congressman. Thanks for your support and your prayers.

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Happy Urinalysis Selectees



1st Platoon at Jurf Patrol Base



SSG Ortiz keeping Musayyib secure



Roughnecks getting unstuck – a typical Delta Company task

ELIMINATOR NEWS

The Eliminators
continue to be the company

that can do any mission, and support our fellow soldiers in and around the battalion, brigade, and division. Even with the added challenge of high daily heat, and the necessary flexibility of our missions in support of the battalion, your soldiers continue to excel at the mission at hand. Each platoon and section of the team continues to achieve success at their tasks in support of the Dealers.

Each line platoon continues to share EOD Escort, Cache Search Team, and JCC Escort. At these tasks they continue to excel, with a response time of 10 minutes for EOD Escort anytime of the day or night. The Cache Search Teams continue to support the battalion by conducting thorough and exhaustive searches for insurgent munitions with our detectors, and have discovered multiple insurgent weapons caches in the Area of Operation. In Karbala the JCC mission has taken on added importance in the battalion as we continue to maintain security for ourselves, and of the Civil Affairs teams we support. The JCC team continues to escort Civil Affairs teams to local project sites and asses the viability of the province of Karbala. With their continued effort we will help the people of Karbala maintain a safe, secure environment, and transition the province to full independence in the Iraq government. We are in effect working ourselves out of a job in Karbala. We welcome back 1LT Urie to the company. He has made his recovery and returned to FOB ISKAN, and will assume duties

as the platoon leader for 2nd Platoon.

We have detached soldiers from each line platoon to form the Route Clearance Team station at Brigade Headquarters on FOB Kalsu. These Eliminators help make the area safer for Brigade operations by conducting route clearance missions on the major routes throughout the area. They are equipped with the safest vehicles in the army to include the Buffalo, and the RG-31 personnel carrier. With this equipment they conduct 24 hour operations in concert the engineers of 2-8 INF to find and remove IEDs. They are working hard, and we continue to support them every time they stop at FOB ISKAN. SSG Jones has moved to Kalsu to become the senior leader for this effort for the Eliminators, and we look forward to his team continuing to excel under his positive leadership.

In our A&O section, the soldiers continue to provide support to the battalion by helping to construct a new front gate for the FOB. So Far they have moved barriers and continued to provide bulldozer support the battalion in making the front gate more secure. A&O continues to provide support on the FOB to clear debris and improve force protection. SGT Maddox even got to crush a car with the bulldozer while working on the FOB. SGT Kane also continues to perform well as he gets used to being in Iraq, and has quickly learned to operate a Bulldozer, and Tractor/Trailer Rig. But the biggest challenge for the A&O section is the construction of the new Great

Wall of Mesopotamia. For this project our company will construct a berm across the desert to stop insurgents from entering the Dealer area.

Eliminator maintenance section under SFC McKee continues to provide every maintenance need for the company. Every day they fix and upgrade our vehicles, and work their hardest to ensure that the Eliminators complete each mission. This month the mechanics have continued to not only service our vehicles, but have upgraded the armor on our trucks by adding armor to the doors, and bulletproof windows to our truck turrets. They have also installed the upgraded armor on our Bradley Fighting Vehicles. These soldiers work hard, and you can see it in the sweat they put into maintaining the vehicles.

Finally, our headquarters section continues to make the whole show work with SFC Thomas and his people continuing to make sure that all battalion tasks get done and that the rest of the Eliminators never have to worry about getting tied up with paperwork. 1SG and I continue to be proud of all the efforts of your soldiers. They work hard and succeed in ensuring that we have success in support of the battalion and for our mission here in Iraq to restore democracy and freedom from the insurgent forces against freedom.

CPT James Sturm
Eliminator 6

FURY NEWS

June has come and gone, and Fury is now seven months into its deployment to Iraq with 1-67 Armor. While the weather has gotten steadily hotter, Fury continues to keep the battalion running like a well-oiled machine despite the weather.

The operational tempo of the battalion continues to run higher and higher every day, and all three platoons are involved at all times. Maintenance provides the battalion with one of the highest operational readiness rates in the brigade. 1-67 can only keep pushing the insurgents and rooting out terrorism because their vehicles receive the best maintenance and can stay out on the roads day after day. Distro completed over 40 missions outside the wire during the month of June to gather and deliver all the supplies that the battalion needed, and Headquarters conducts the job close to us all – managing the DFAC that we all eat in.

From BIAP to Kalsu, Fury conducted over 45 missions to gather and transport all classes of supply for the battalion. When KBR moved onto FOB Iskandariyah, Fury also became the brigade's KBR escort, providing security between FOBs for over a dozen KBR logistics runs. These missions, often behind the scenes, have been the cornerstone for the improvements being made to FOB Iskandariyah. Old tents are being razed, and new containerized living modules are slowly being put in place.

We all look forward to the much-needed space and privacy, and the whole battalion will have Fury's escorts to thank for their new homes.

Early in the month we said goodbye to an old friend and welcomed a new one to the Fury family. CPT Bradley Heath left command on June 9 after two years at the helm of the company. CPT Heath not only built this company from the ground up as its first commander and set the tone for its many successes, but he was also a true friend to all the officers and Soldiers in the company. We wish him well in his future endeavors as we welcome CPT Jason Ballard. CPT Ballard came to Fury from the Division G-4 office, and is eager to step in to see how good a Forward Support Company can be run.

Congratulations to SGT Ranes, SGT Jones, SGT Peralta, CPL Charles, and CPL Broadwater on their promotions this month, and thank you to SPC Atkinson for re-enlisting and staying Army.

Thank you, as always, to the families and friends of all the Fury Soldiers carrying the torch back home while we are away. It is because of your love and dedication that we are able to succeed, and without you we would be nowhere near as good as we are today.

Nothing Moves Without Fury!

CPT Jason Ballard
Fury 6